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Letter dated 6 August 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement of the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia dated 6 August 1995 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 81 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

The Federal Government has noted that, despite strong condemnations by numerous countries and international forums, Croatia continues its ruthless and brutal aggression against the Republic of Serbian Krajina unperturbed. The towns and other settlements in the territory under attack are being ruthlessly shelled and bombarded, which brings enormous human losses and destruction in its train. The fact that the aggressor army shells and strafes long columns of fleeing people is the bloodiest confirmation of one of the primary goals of the aggression - causing considerable losses among civilian population and its expulsion from the territory of the Republic of Serbian Krajina.

The Federal Government expresses its concern over the ever-more-frequent and convincing information that some of the big Powers, members of the Security Council, aid and abet the aggression of Croatia and prevent the adoption of a decision by the Security Council on stopping the aggression. By such attitude, some international factors are becoming accessory to the ethnic cleansing of the Serbian people from the territory of the Republic of Serbian Krajina.

The Federal Government expresses its profound dissatisfaction at the inefficiency of the international community in stopping the aggression of Croatia, which may lead to undesirable political, security and humanitarian consequences in the region and beyond.

The Federal Government expects and demands that, proceeding from Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations, the international community, and the Security Council in particular, take immediate and resolute measures to put an end to the aggression and the killing of the innocent civilian population and the prevention of ethnic cleansing and to see to it that Croatian armed forces withdraw to the separation lines established by the relevant resolutions of the Security Council.

The Federal Government reiterates that a peaceful solution through negotiation and political agreement is the only way of solving the overall Yugoslav crisis, including the situation created by the aggression of Croatia against the Republic of Serbian Krajina.

Bearing in mind the reaction of the most important international factors, inappropriate to the nature and size of the aggression, the Federal Government has charged the competent authorities with the task of intensifying political, diplomatic and informative activities aimed at having adequate decisions brought by the international community and at fully informing it of the policy of Croatia which constitutes the greatest danger for peace and security in the Balkans.

The Federal Government accorded special attention to the dramatic humanitarian situation. The exodus of tens of thousands of refugees, of the exhausted and old people, of women and children, calls for taking energetic and urgent measures by the Committee of the Federal Government for collecting humanitarian assistance. The Committee of the Federal Government will ensure continued cooperation with all important international humanitarian

organizations, particularly with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Committee of the Red Cross. Some, but insufficient, part of humanitarian assistance has already been dispatched to the affected area. In order to ensure a regular dispatch of the assistance, the Security Council Sanctions Committee is expected to consent to humanitarian flights to the Banja Luka airport. The Federal and Republican Governments, together with the Republican Commissariats for Refugees and the Federal and Republican organizations of the Red Cross, will invest maximum efforts in collecting and dispatching humanitarian assistance to refugees from the Republic of Serbian Krajina, the accommodation and care of which is concentrated in Banja Luka, as well as in dispatching assistance to individual refugee columns.

The Federal Government has established a round-a-clock service in order to satisfy the humanitarian needs of refugees from the Republic of Serbian Krajina in a most effective way.